



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
**Department of Toxic Substances Control**

# Media Advisory

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## **DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS "OSCARS" DURING CWA CONFERENCE, November 17**

SACRAMENTO – Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) Federal Liaison, Leonard Robinson is a featured speaker at the California Waste Association Conference, "Vision 2009." Conference topics include trends in hazardous waste, and DTSC's "goals and priorities for 2009."

Robinson, who began as DTSC's chief deputy director in 2004, and now serves as the department's Federal Liaison, will discuss upcoming DTSC programs and accomplishments. He will also present "Oscar the Grouch Not in My CanPaign" Voluntary Stewardship Awards to the Sweden-based home retailer IKEA, and to hardware franchise, Orchard Supply & Hardware. The "Oscars" commend the retailers for providing free and convenient recycling of spent fluorescent lights to California consumers.

Approximately 200 attendees are expected to attend the day-long meeting. DTSC and other governmental agencies are affiliates of the sponsor, a non-profit statewide association of companies which generate, transport, treat, store and dispose of wastes (including recyclable materials and hazardous waste), as well as related service firms including engineers and consultants.

**Event:** California Waste Association Conference  
**Date:** Monday, Nov. 17  
**Location:** Holiday Inn Buena Park  
7000 Beach Blvd.  
Buena Park, Calif.  
(714) 522-7000  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Attendees and media are encouraged to register in advance, by Nov. 12, as reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. If space permits, an on-site registration will occur from 7:30 -8:30 a.m. on Nov. 17, during the continental breakfast held in the "Vendor Room."

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FOR GENERAL INQUIRIES: Contact the Department of Toxic Substances Control by phone at (800) 728-6942 or visit [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov). To report illegal handling, discharge, or disposal of hazardous waste, call the Waste Alert Hotline at (800) 698-6942.

***The mission of the Department of Toxic Substances Control is to protect public health, safety, and the environment from toxic harm.***